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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: MALIK REQUEST FOR ESTIMATE OF CAMBODIAN SITUATION

REF: JAKARTA 0667

IN YOUR NEXT MEETING WITH MALIK YOU MAY PASS HIM FOLLOWING APPRECIATION OF CAMBODIAN SITUATION:

A. POLITICALLY, THE SITUATION IS STABLE WITH PRIME MINISTER LONG BORET GRADUALLY EFFECTING CERTAIN USEFUL CABINET CHANGES, SUCH AS RECENT RESIGNATIONS MINISTERS OF NATIONAL DEFENSE AND INTERIOR. KHMER EFFORT, HOWEVER, IS DEPENDENT ON CONTINUED DEMONSTRATION OF STABILITY AND NATIONAL UNITY DURING CURRENT KC OFFENSIVE. OVERALL GKR POSITION REMAINS HIGHLY DEPENDENT UPON SUFFICIENT LEVELS OF ECONOMIC AND MILITARY AID. WE WILL BE SEEKING SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDS FROM CONGRESS WITHOUT WHICH SITUATION WILL BECOME INCREASINGLY CONFIDENTIAL

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B. ECONOMICALLY, PICTURE REMAINS SERIOUS WITH FOREIGN ASSISTANCE VERY MUCH NEEDED. FOOD AND SUBSISTENCE SUPPLIES

ARE ADEQUATE FOR THE TIME BEING, BUT PIPELINE WILL HAVE TO BE KEPT FULL. IN THIS CONNECTION, WE APPRECIATE AMBASSADOR'S RAISING ESF CONTRIBUTION WITH MALIK AND HOPE IT WILL

PRODUCE RESULTS. WE ARE TRYING TO FIND AN OPPORTUNITY TO RAISE IT WITH THE INDONESIAN FINANCE MINISTER HERE. PRESENTLY THE MEKONG WITH OTHER FORCES ATTACKING AROUND PHNOM PENH IN ORDER TO KEEP FANK BUSY AND UNABLE DEFEND MEKONG. MORE THAN NORMAL ROCKETING OF PHNOM PENH SEEMS PSYCHOLOGICALLY MOTIVATED BUT NOT RPT NOT HAVING DESIRED KC RESULT. OUR ESTIMATE CONTINUES TO BE THAT FANK CAN AND WILL REPULSE KC OFFENSIVE BUT THAT IT WILL BE COSTLY IN TERMS OF LIVES AND MATERIEL. IN SUM, WE FORESEE CONTINUATION OF MILITARY STALEMATE EXISTING FOR PAST YEAR.

D. REGARDING NEGOTIATIONS PROSPECTS, WE CONTINUE INTE-  
SIVE WASHINGTON STUDY OF THIS PROBLEM WITH A VIEW TO  
ENCOURAGING STEPS TOWARD AN EARLY COMPROMISE SETTLEMENT.  
ON THE KC SIDE, A RECENT BROADCAST BY KC CLANDESTINE  
RADIO ANNOUNCED CONTENTS OF GRUNK DECREES 100 AND 101 OF  
DECEMBER 1974 DISMISSING MOST OF SIHANOUK'S SUPPORTERS  
AND NAMING THEIR IN-COUNTRY REPLACEMENTS. WHILE THIS  
ACTION HAD BEEN TAKEN IN 1973, IT IS INTERESTING THAT  
OFFICIAL DECREES APPEARED ONE YEAR LATER AND THEN WERE  
BROADCAST BY KC SHORTLY AFTER SIHANOUK'S RECENT SWEDISH  
TV AND AFP INTERVIEWS IN WHICH HE HINTED THAT HE MIGHT  
CONSIDER TAKING IN SOME RIGHTIST MINISTERS AS PART OF THE  
SETTLEMENT TO CAMBODIAN WAR. BOTH EMBASSY PHNOM PENH AND  
WE HAVE WONDERED WHETHER SIHANOUK'S STATEMENTS WERE PART  
OF HIS TYPICAL DIVIDE AND RULE TACTICS AND WHETHER KC  
BROADCAST, ON OTHER HAND, WAS INTENDED TO REMIND HIM WHO  
REALLY IN CHARGE.

E. AS AMBASSADOR STATED TO MALIK, WE SHALL BE INTERESTED  
IN RESULTS HIS TALKS IN ALGIERS AND HIS OPINION OF CAM-  
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BODIAN SITUATION AND DEVELOPMENTS. KISSINGER

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